GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FUND CONSERVATION SCHEME FOR POLLUTION CONTROL
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the several chemical industries in Madhya Pradesh have been polluting the major rivers like Chambal, Chhipra and Betva;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a National Fund Conservation Scheme to clean the rivers in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) River Chambal receives chemical effluents after proper treatment only mainly from Grasim Industries Ltd., Gwalior Chemical Industries Ltd. and Aroni Chemical (New Name M/s. ELF Atochem Catalyst India Ltd.) located in the Nagda Industrial Area.The effluents from Som Distilleries located at Raisen was also being discharged earlier into river Betwa.But with the commissioning of effluent treatment plant and lagoon the effluents from this unit no more discharge into river Betwa. River Kshipra does not receive any discharge from chemical industries.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. But a National River Conservation Plan is already under implementation to clean the polluted rivers in the country. Under this Plan, seven rivers of Madhya Pradesh have been included.These are Khan, Kshipra, Wainganga, Chambal, Narmada, Betwa and Tapti. Pollution abatement schemes are being taken up in eleven towns located on the banks of these rivers at a total approved cost of Rs. 101.19 crore. So far, 54 schemes have been sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 36.48 crore. An amount of Rs. 21.11 crore has been released to Government of Madhya Pradesh against which an expenditure of Rs. 15.01 crore has been incurred on the Plan till May, 2000.